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SUBJECT: ARAB CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE VISIT: CURRENT STATUS
FROM WASHINGTON PERSPECTIVE

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1. FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR ARAB CHAMBERS DELEGATION VISIT
TO WASHINGTON APRIL 20-22 HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO US BY U.S.-
ARAB CHAMBER (NEW YORK) AND BY UNITED STATES CHAMBER HERE
IN WASHINGTON:

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 PM RECEPTION/DINNER HOSTED BY RICHARD L. LESHER,
PRESIDENT, UNITED STATES CHAMBER (AND CO-HOSTED
BY U.S.-ARAB CHAMBER).
GUEST SPEAKER: SENATOR ABOUREZK

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 AM - 12:15 PM - PANEL DISCUSSIONS REVIEWING U.S.
GOVERNMENT POLICY

1) PROJECT FINANCING - CHAIRED BY JUDHVIR PARMAR, VICE
PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (PANEL

ALSO INCLUDES R. N. POATS, ACTING PRESIDENT, OPIC)

2) TRADE FINANCING - CHAIRED BY THIBAUT DE SAINT PHALLE,
DIRECTOR OF EXIM

3) TRADE PROMOTION AND REGULATION - CHAIRED BY STANLEY
MARCUS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE.

12:15 PM - 2:00 PM LUNCHEON
GUEST SPEAKER: SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY BLUMENTHAL

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2:15 - 3:15 PM LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS BRIEFING
PANEL DISCUSSION CHAIRED BY SENATOR
FULBRIGHT

3:30 - 4:30 PM TRADE ASSOCIATION BRIEFING - CHAIRED BY
JOHN MEEHAN, VICE PRESIDENT, UNITED STATES CHAMBER

6:30 - 8:30 PM BUFFET RECEPTION - HOSTED BY UNDER
SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS RICHARD N. COOPER,
IN STATE DEPARTMENT DIPLOMATIC ROOMS.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

SIGHTSEEING SCHEDULED FOR MOST VISITORS WITH HEADS OF
COUNTRY DELEGATIONS SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN LUNCHEON/
DISCUSSION MEETING SPONSORED BY MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE AT
MERIDIAN HOUSE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SIMILAR SCHEDULE OF PANEL
DISCUSSION SESSIONS HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR VISITING
DELEGATION BY U.S.-ARAB CHAMBERS IN CONNECTION WITH
SCHEDULED STOPS IN NEW YORK, HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES AND

CHICAGO.

3. U.S.-ARAB CHAMBER (NEW YORK) HAS DISTRIBUTED MARCH 29 LIST OF ARAB DELEGATES WHO ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN UPCOMING VISIT. LIST INCLUDES:

JORDAN - JAWAD ANANI, ZUHAIR ASFOUR, MUNIR ATALLAH, MAMDOUH ABU HASSAN, FUAD ABU HIJLEH, RAUF ABU JABER, ISSAM BDEIR, MOHAMED ALI BDEIR, SUBHI DAJANI, FAHD FANIK, KHALID FATTAH, ALI GHANDOUR, FUAD KATTAN, TAWFIC KAWAR, ABDEL MAHDI MA'AYIEH, ANTON SOUSA, MUNIB TOUKAN

KUWAIT - KHALED ABU SAUD, HAMED AHMAD ABDELATIF AL HAMAD, ABDEL RAZAK AL KHALED, MOHAMMAD AL KHOJA, ABDEL BAKI AL UNCLASSIFIED

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NURY, ALI AL RADWAN, H.E. ABDEL AZIZ AL SAGER, SHEIKH ABDALLAH TARIKI, DR. GEORGE TOMER, NAJEEB AL MUNLA

LIBYA - (FIVE REPORTED CONFIRMED, NAMES TO BE PROVIDED LATER)

MOROCCO - AZIZ ALAOUI

OMAN - SHEIKH AHMAD BIN AMEIR, KHAMIS AL HASHAR

SYRIA - MAMDOUH ABU HINDA, ABDUL RAHMAN ATTAR, ABDELATIF BADENKJI, MUSTAPHA EL-BASH, JOMA YOUSSEF BIN ABDALLAH, ALI FARAWATI, TAYSSIR FARRA, HANNA NAJEEB HUBAISHI, YOUSSEF IKHWAN, H.E. MUHAMMAD AL-IMADI, ABDULFATAH JAMOISS, THABET AL-MAHAYNI, MUHAMMAD MAHROUSSEH, BASHIR AL-NASSER, ADEL RIFAI, SABER ABU SAADA, TAHSSIN SAFADI, BADREDDIN SHALLAH, RATEB SHALLAH, RAIF SHAWAF, MUSTAPHA SOURITY, TAWFIC SUCCARI, MUHAMMAD WAZAN, MOUNIR ZAKRI, MUHAMMAD ZEINEDDINE

UAE - SAID AHMAD AL OTEIBY

LEBANON - GABRIEL BADARO, EMILE BAROODY, GEORGE ESSEILY, ADNAN KASSAR, NAJIB AL-KHATIB, JOSEPH KOURY, WALID NAJA, JAMIL SHAMMAS, ANDRE TABOURIAN, MOHAMMAD ZAATARI

SAUDI ARABIA - SHEIKH ISMAIL ABOUDAWOOD, ABDULLAH BAKER TOOSINI (LIST ALSO INDICATES 9 MORE SAUDI DELEGATES TO BE REPORTED LATER)

GENERAL UNION OF ARAB CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE - BURHAN DAJANI, ELIAS GHANTOUS, RAUF ABUZAKI

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U.S. ARAB CHAMBER HAS ADVISED US THAT BAHRAIN DOES NOT INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN ARAB CHAMBERS VISIT. ALSO, INFORMATION WE HAVE FROM CHAMBER SUGGESTS THERE IS STILL SOME UNDERTAINTY AS TO FINAL NUMBERS AND MAKE UP OF ARAB DELEGATIONS. SAUDIS REPORTEDLY OFF-AGAIN, ON-AGAIN WITH LATEST WORD FAVORABLE.

4. DEPARTMENT WILL APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED BY POSTS CONCERNING LIKELY PARTICIPANTS OR OTHER DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO PLANNED VISIT. VANCE

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